

WORLD LANGUAGE

DESCRIPTION OF EXCELLENCE

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 tells us to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ to all nations. The World Language Department trains students to become proficient in at least one of five languages other than English. Communication and cultural understanding are essential skills for success in college, career, and ministry and prepare our students to influence the world for Christ.

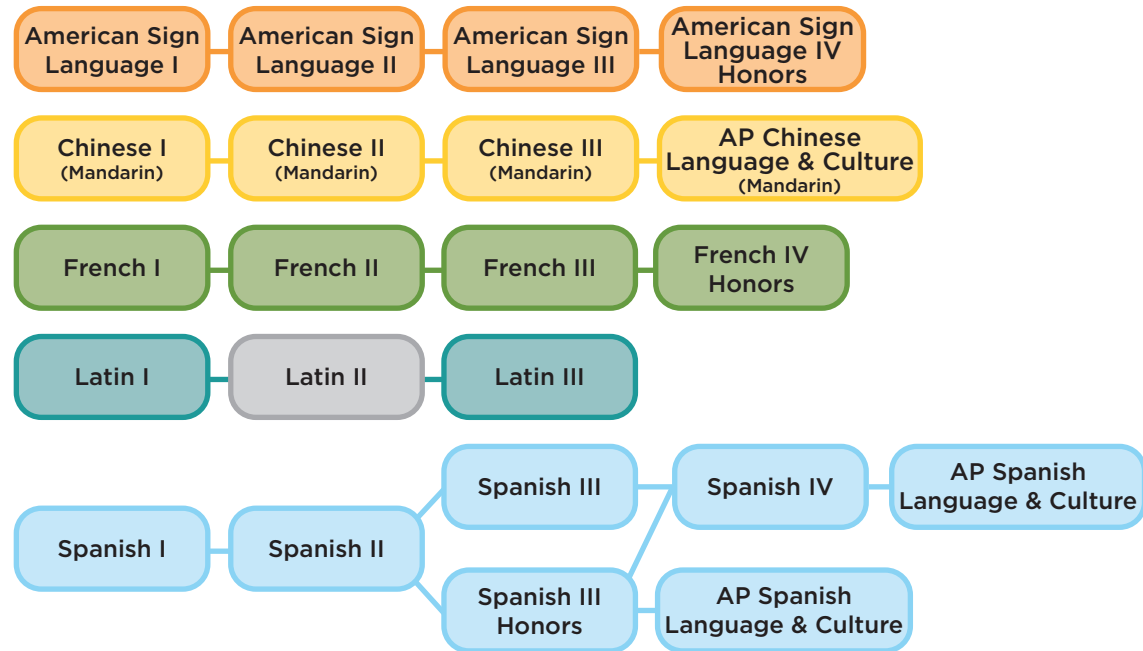
WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Our World Language Department faculty includes seven teachers with master's or doctoral degrees. Our instructors have an average of 20 years of teaching experience and have taught at VCHS for an average of seven years. The faculty are native speakers in their own language or have trained in their target-language country. Most have also facilitated missions or cultural outreaches to related countries. The World Language Department is developing tools for evangelism that can be used on missions trips in all languages.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT DISTINCTIVES

- Membership in National Honor Societies are available in all five languages. These memberships provide opportunities for scholarships, national contests, awards, networking, and more.
- World language students are encouraged to actively engage in serving our world. Students in our French classes raise funds for the purchase of sewing machines and fabric for women in the Congo to learn a trade and sell their products. Students in our Mandarin classes have developed a relationship with an orphanage in China.
- Students in our American Sign Language classes learn about the deaf and hard of hearing culture and have the opportunity to interact with the local deaf and hard of hearing community.

The Great Commission: *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).*



WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES

World language courses may be taken beginning in grades 9, 10, and 11. Two years of world language are required to graduate from VCHS. VCHS highly recommends at least three years of a world language for eligibility to UC-level colleges and universities.

Placements in sections higher than level 1 are available by testing for students who have prior knowledge of a language.

Important Note: Because VCHS did not offer Latin I in the 2022-23 school year, Latin II will not be offered in 2023-24. Beginning in 2024-25, VCHS plans to offer Latin I and Latin II during the school year. Students who wish to pursue more advanced Latin may look into online Latin courses with the help of their counselors.

This map is a general planning tool, intended to show the course and typical student tracks. Students may deviate from the map and should consult with the counselors and teachers to find the best classes to meet their academic and spiritual goals. Courses offered may vary year to year.



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